What is claimed is:

1.   A method of displaying application-output data in a web browser, the method comprising the steps of:

       providing a web browser window;

       providing at least one application-output window positioned within the web browser window;

       receiving window attribute information corresponding to the application-output window via a first virtual channel coupled to the application-output window, the window attribute information being modifiable independently of the web browser;

       receiving the application-output data via a second virtual channel coupled to the application-output window;

       displaying the application-output window in accordance with the window attribute information; and

       displaying the application-output data in the application-output window.

2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing a client agent monitoring and responding to events associated with the application-output window, independently of the web browser.

3.   The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of resizing, by the client agent, the application-output window in response to an input received by the client agent.

1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of establishing, independently

2 of the web browser, the first and second virtual channels.

1 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving application-output

2 data generated by an unmodified application program.

1 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of executing a client agent in

2 response to an application object embedded in a web page displayed in the web browser

3 window, the client agent establishing the first and second virtual channels independently

4 of the web browser.

1 7. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of using the received window

2 attribute information to modify at least one property of the application object, the

3 modified property of the application object triggering a corresponding change in the

4 application-output window.

1 8. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of executing a client agent in

2 response to an ActiveX control embedded in a web page displayed in the web browser

3 window, the client agent establishing the first and second virtual channels independently

4 of the web browser.

1 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing a plurality of

2 application-output windows positioned within the web browser window, each of the

3   application-output windows displaying application-output data received from a different

4   application server.

1   10.   A system for displaying application-output data in a web browser, the system

2   comprising:

3   a web browser window;

4   at least one application-output window displaying the application-output data and

5   positioned within the web browser window;

6   a first virtual channel receiving window attribute information corresponding to the

7   application-output window, the window attribute information being modifiable

8   independently of the web browser; and

9   a second virtual channel receiving the application-output data, wherein the

10   application-output data is displayed in the application-output window in accordance with

11   the window attribute information.

1   11.   The system of claim 10 further comprising a client agent monitoring and

2   responding to events associated with the application-output window.

1   12.   The system of claim 11 wherein the client agent resizes the application-output

2   window in response to an input received by the client agent.

1   13.   The system of claim 11 wherein the client agent forms the first and second virtual

2   channels independently of the web browser.

1   14.   The system of claim 10 further comprising an unmodified application program

2   generating the application-output data.

1   15.   The system of claim 10 further comprising:

2   an application object embedded in a web page displayed in the web browser

3   window, the application object including at least one property affecting the application-

4   output window; and

5   a client agent instantiated in response to the application object and capable of

6   modifying the property of the application object upon receipt of the window attribute

7   information from the second virtual channel.

1   16.   The system of claim 15 wherein the application object is an ActiveX control.

1   17.   The system of claim 10 wherein the application-output window is a child window

2   of the web browser window.

1   18.   The system of claim 10 further comprising a plurality of application-output

2   windows positioned within the web browser window, each of the application-output

3   windows displaying application-output data received from a different application server.